PARTICIPANTS

The lists below illustrate the range of possible organizations or individuals that may participate in responding to the assessment instrument. Statewide associations or local coalitions can be useful in gaining representation from a large number of entities (e.g., state hospital association, chamber of commerce). Convening a broad-based group will result in a more valuable process, as well as a more accurate depiction of public health system performance.

Possible Participants for the State Public Health System Assessment

- State public health agency
- State government agency
- Local health department
- Hospital or other healthcare facility
- Philanthropic organization
- Managed care organization
- Physician, Nurse or other healthcare worker or organization
- Social service provider
- Civic organization
- Professional public health or healthcare association
- Business

- Labor organization
- Faith institution
- School
- Institution of higher education
- Public safety or emergency response organization
- Environmental or occupational health organization
- Community member or consumer
- Legislator, Governor's Office representative or other state or local policy maker
- State Board of Health

Possible Participants for the Local Public Health System Assessment

- The local governmental public health agency
- The local governing entity (e.g., board of health)
- Other governmental entities (e.g., state agencies, other local agencies)
- Hospitals
- Managed care organizations
- Primary care clinics and physicians
- Social service providers
- Civic organizations
- Professional organizations
- Local businesses and employers
- Neighborhood organizations

- Faith institutions
- Transportation providers
- Educational institutions
- Public safety and emergency response organizations
- Environmental or environmental-health agencies
- Non-profit organizations/advocacy groups
- Local officials who impact policy and fiscal decisions
- Other community organizations
- Community residents

Possible Participants for the Local Public Health Governance Assessment

- Members of the governing entity (board of health, city council, county commissioners, etc.)
- Local health officer / top agency executive of the local public health agency
- Other senior management of the local public health agency
- Advisory board, if applicable